

Year 7 Induction

Key Staff



Woodford County
High School for Girls

Head Teacher



Each summer as headteacher of Woodford it's a particular pleasure to greet the Year 6 students joining us in September, and their parents. Moving from Primary School to Secondary is a significant rite of passage for all eleven year olds. The incoming class of 2020 will be taking up their places here in circumstances quite other than those of any Year 7 cohort in the school's 101 year history. Even a few months ago we wouldn't any of us have understood much from the term 'lock down'. But you, our September 2020 joiners, will not only have navigated lock down on a personal level, learning all sorts of skills along the way - you will also have supported your family and friends throughout the process. While we are stronger people for the experience, I think we are all now wanting to move on to positive new experiences and to new learning. So what better time, in fact, to be setting out on the adventure of a new school and all it has to offer: new friends and new teachers, additional subjects and fresh ways of working? Lots to be getting involved in and a beautiful school site in which to be doing so.

As you start your first year as Woodford students, I'll be starting my second decade as the school's headteacher. I feel very lucky to lead a school as friendly and successful as Woodford. Normally speaking you'd be visiting us this week in preparation for September. We're sorry that this has not been possible this year but promise we'll build in a bit of time in September for you to find your way around, to meet your class mates and your teachers and to acclimatise to your new environment. It's going to be your school for the next seven years after all. Don't be nervous - after just a few weeks you'll be feeling right at home here and, I hope, feeling lucky yourself to have become a "Woodford Girl".

We look forward to welcoming you.

Ms Pomeroy

Deputy Head Teacher

Mr Jenkins

I am Mr Jenkins, the Deputy Headteacher here at Woodford County. I am responsible for oversight of the curriculum, examinations, school events such as the International Evening and many other things.

It is always a delight to welcome the new Year 7 students into school and I very much look forward to seeing you all in September. With any luck parents will get a chance to meet me in person in the autumn when I will talk to them in more detail about the curriculum you will follow during your time at the school.



Assistant Head Teacher KS3

My name is Mrs Greenfield and I am one of the three Assistant Headteachers here at Woodford. I am particularly responsible for Key Stage 3 which is made up of Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Even though you have not had a chance to visit us physically before the holidays, you and your parents are getting a lot of information so that you can start to get familiar with your new school. We are hoping that you will have enough information so that you will recognise some of the new people, places and even words that we use here at Woodford when September comes around.

At first some things may seem to be very different to what you are used to, but there will be much that is still similar to what you have experienced in your primary schools. There is no way that you will be able to remember and understand everything that you are told about how things work here at Woodford. We will keep on reminding you, and you will be able to keep on asking questions, until before you know it you feel completely settled and used to the place.

It is completely normal for students to feel a mixture of nervousness and excitement when they move into Secondary school. You may be wondering about how easy it will be to make friends. Last year the 180 students who joined us all came from over 90 different schools. Many students are the only ones to come to Woodford from their Primary School. Even if you know nobody else in your form or even in your year, you need not worry. The best thing to do is be yourself and be as friendly as you can with as many other girls as you can. You will get to know others and make friends very quickly. Remember everyone else will be just as keen as you to make some new friends.

I am really looking forward to meeting you and your parents in September and welcoming you to your new school.



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Assistant Head Teacher KS4



Dear students,

I'd like to warmly welcome you to Woodford County High School. I am one of the three Assistant Headteachers at the school. A major part of my role at the school is to monitor the academic progress and personal welfare of all KS4 students, so those students in years 10 and 11.

The subject I am most passionate about is Chemistry; it is one of the Science subjects you will learn about in your time at school. I do hope that you allow yourself to experience all the different aspects of school life; that you enjoy your learning; the buzz in working in partnership with others to complete projects and goals and of course the taking part in the wider school life. Build on what you enjoy doing and learning and make it your passion!

Good luck!

Dr. Ashraff

Assistant Head Teacher Head of 6th Form

My name is Mrs Hasler and I'm the Head of Sixth Form. I spend most of my time working with Year 12 and 13 students and am based in the Sixth Form block, which is at the back of the school, by the back terrace. I'm sure you'll still see me around the school, and I'm looking forward to getting to know you. I'm also a Music teacher so hopefully I'll see some of you in the Music department too!



Head of Year 7

Hello Year 7!

I am Mrs Hawks and I am the Head of Year 7. I will meet you on the first day of term.

I am also Geography teacher.

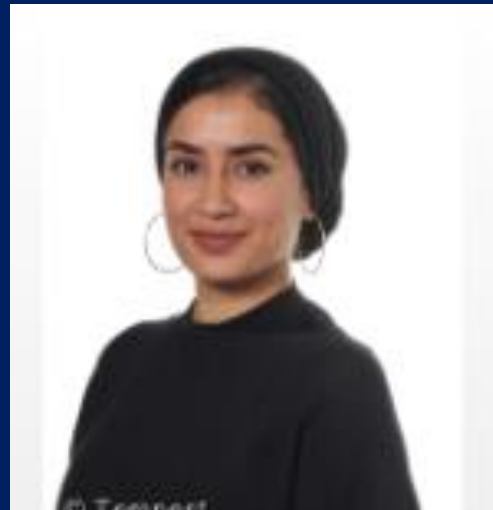
I hope that these documents are helpful and I am very much looking forward to meeting you soon.

Have a lovely summer!



Acting Head of Year 7 (2020-2021)

'Welcome year 7's, we're excited for you to join us in September as you now embark your journey through secondary education and become an important part of the fabric that makes Woodford. I am Miss Zakir, you'll most likely find me around the centenary centre as I teach science. I am looking forward to seeing you all and working with you in the upcoming year.



School Guidance Officer



"Hello, I am Mrs. Holman, the Student Guidance Officer, I am looking forward to seeing you around the school. Everyone feels overwhelmed or sad sometimes and this is completely normal. It is at times like this when you can pop in to see myself, or anyone else from the Pastoral Team (usually starting with your form tutor) for advice and guidance. I am here to help make sure that your school experience is happy and safe.

You can find me on the ground floor of the South Wing of the main building, along from the Medical Room. Mrs. Menon and I share a room. "

Deputy School Guidance Officer

I am Mrs Menon and work as the Student Guidance Assistant in WCHS. As part of the Pastoral Management Team, I work to promote the highest standards of behaviour and social and emotional wellbeing. I work closely with students, teachers and parents to promote the overall wellbeing of the students in WCHS. You can find me in the Student Guidance Office with Mrs Holman, if you need to have a chat or share any concerns you may have.



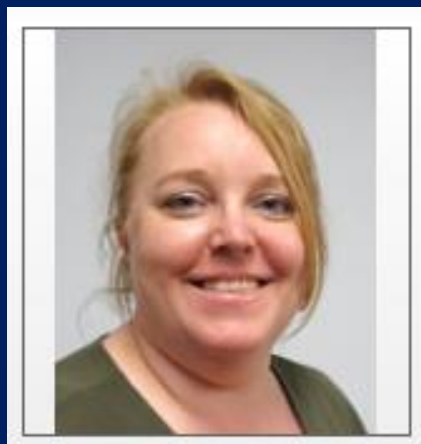
KS3 Administrator

Hello, my name is Miss Allen and I am the administrator for years 7,8 & 9. Basically I am here if you have any questions or need any help. You can find me in the Student Support Office which is located in the Main school building. I look forward to meeting and helping you all in September, enjoy your Summer!



Medical and Welfare Officer

Hello, my name is Mrs Sawyer and I am based in the medical room. I am here to look after you if you feel unwell and to give you first aid if you should hurt yourself while you're at school. You can also come and see me if you are worried about anything and need someone to talk to. I also do care plans for girls that have a medical condition and I organise for the vaccination team to come in and give immunisations when you are in year 8 and 9.



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with any specific queries.

Mr Saxton
Hello to all new Year 7 students!

As well as being a geography teacher, I am the person in school that coordinates the extra support some students need to ensure their learning progresses as it is meant to. You may be a student that already receives this sort of support from someone called a **SENCo** in your primary school – this is my role at Woodford. For those that don't know, it stands for *Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator*.

Your teachers and form tutor are there to support you have if you are finding it challenging to make progress in some subjects or in many subjects over a short period of time. If your progress in school is not as expected across a *number* of subjects and over a *longer* period of time, it might be necessary to work out how best to support you with *specific strategies*.

You might already know that for **you** to make progress in school there is a need to make sure all of your teachers support you in a particular way and it is my job to make sure that this continues at Woodford.

Your parents or you can approach me whenever there is a need to. I can be found in an office within classroom SF6 or you could speak to Mrs Menon – the Student Guidance Assistant – who works with me.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon!